

Minutes of December 13, 2017
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Diane Moe and CM Linea Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 8, 2017 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Pershing Park Update: Park Director Diane Moe reported:

- MPRB Superintendent Jayne Miller has resigned; she accepted a position in Pittsburgh. After the election, there are 3 returning and 6 new Board Members.
- There will be an ice rink at Linden Hills Park. Pershing does not have an ice rink in order to keep the turf in good condition for the older kids who most typically play soccer, baseball, etc. at Pershing.
- There are 19 basketball teams this year.
- Rec+ attendance is down, but this allows for other programming such as ceramics and dance.
- There have been 3 incidents of vandalism, including a small fire, all by a 13 year old boy.
- Diane would like to add teen programming at the park.

Minneapolis 2040: Ruth attended a recent open house for the City of Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan public engagement. She provided feedback on housing, economic development and transit.

Survey: A first draft of the survey has been presented to the planning group. Feedback will be given to focus more on action/funding ideas. It was suggested to ask questions such as "I know who my block leader is" and "I use public transportation". It was also suggested to add a homeowner versus renter identifier in the demographics section.

47th & Xerxes: Safe Routes to School, a federally funded grant program, has chosen Southwest High School for its 2018 project. There are two components:

- **47th & Xerxes**
 - Add bump outs at all four corners; the buses will load/unload behind the bump outs
 - Add zebra striping crosswalks in all four directions
 - Install pedestrian activated overhead flashing lights facing north and south on Xerxes
 - Additional pedestrian crossing signs will be installed prior to the intersection in all four directions
 - Add ADA ramps
- **47th & Beard**
 - Add zebra striping crosswalks going in three directions
 - It has been suggested to consider not doing the striping on the east side of the intersection due to traffic on the hill in winter conditions

This project has an estimated cost of \$250K, with contingency for another \$150K for unforeseen complications. Linden Hills representatives have asked for data about why the intersection does not

qualify for a stop light and how to handle bike traffic around the bump outs on such a busy street. Fulton representatives have asked the city to look at the light timing all along the Xerxes stretch, especially at 50th and 49th streets in order to keep traffic moving.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The deadline for the 2018 Fulton Small Grant program is Dec. 31; Ruth and Blaire will do another round of reminders.
- An open house for the proposed development at 51st & Ewing has been confirmed for 1/10/2018, 6-7 p.m., at Pershing Park.
- The Fed Ex insurance company has offered a settlement of \$11,702.74 for the destruction of our sign at 50th & Washburn. This amount includes the cost to replace the sign, minus depreciation, plus maintenance costs to remove the debris. Steve Y. moved to accept the settlement offer; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ward 13 Report: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- The large development project at 50th & France will begin in January, 2018. There is a lengthy construction management plan; Ruth will put a link on the FNA website and in the next FNN.
- Public Works/Safe Route to Schools is working on the proposed changes for 47th & Xerxes.
- The 2018 city budget has been adopted. Some smaller items were removed in order to provide matching funds for a federal grant which will allow for 10-12 new police officers for five years.
- Changes have been made to the Police Oversight Commission leadership selection.
- The next MAC Listening Session will be held on 1/30/18 at Mt. Olivet Church.
- The Morgan Ave tennis courts have received a \$75K grant for reconstruction.
- There is no update on the status of any charges in the Justine Damond case.
- Ruth will work with CM Palmisano's office to reschedule the Meet and Greet with the new police chief.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: The first meeting of Court Watch was held and those present agreed to analyze the Burglary of Dwelling reports for a few months to determine if there is anything for Court Watch to track. It's been another bad month for crime reports in Fulton- lots of broken windows and car break-ins.

New Business: Diane will ask FNA to help choose the date and movie for the 2018 Movies in the Park.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary